

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	: Shinichi CHIKURA et al.
App. No	: 10/593,760
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For	: SPIRAL TYPE SEPARATION MEMBRANE ELEMENT
Examiner	: MENON, Krishnan S.
Art Unit	: 1797
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**Response to Restriction Requirement****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 2, 2009, the Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

A complete listing of claims and their status begins at the **amendments to the claims**, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.